

1980 BLACK BEAR SEASON

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, black bear season for the 1980 license year is as follows:

All 100 series hunting districts shall be open to the hunting of black bear to resident black bear license holders and nonresidents who possess the general black bear license from April 15 through May 31, and from September 6 through November 30, 1980; except hunting districts 150 and 151 which will be open from April 15 through June 15 and from September 6 through November 30, 1980. All 200, 300, 400, and 500 series hunting districts shall be open to the hunting of black bear from April 1 through November 30, 1980 except for hunting districts 427 and 428 which will close to all bear hunting November 16, 1980. Hunting district 284 is open to black bear hunting by archery only.

The Sun River, Beartooth, Ear Mountain, Blackleaf, and Judith River Wildlife Management areas will not be open to black bear hunting until May 15, 1980.

The \$35 special nonresident bear license will be valid through April 30, 1980; thereafter it will not be valid for any purpose.

The following regulations shall apply:

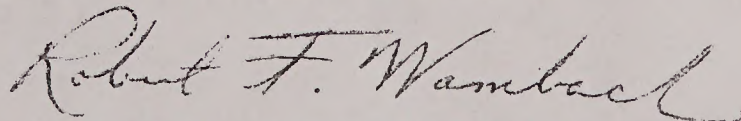
Shooting hours shall be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise until one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset each day. The bag limit shall be one bear per person per license year. Cub bears or female bears with cubs may not be taken. Cubs are defined as young of the year. The tag for brown or black bear must be attached to the hide.

The following described areas will be closed to the hunting of black bear:

1. All State Game Preserves.

2. (Gallatin Closed Area): That portion of Gallatin County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Daly Pass on the Yellowstone National Park boundary, thence in a northwesterly direction following the horse trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn Creek, thence down the South Fork of Buffalo Horn Creek to the main Buffalo Horn Creek, thence down the main Buffalo Horn Creek to the West Gallatin River, thence up the West Gallatin River to the mouth of Sage Creek, thence up Sage Creek to the confluence of Big Sage and Little Sage Creeks, thence southerly along the divide between Big and Little Sage Creeks to Sage Mountain, thence in an easterly direction along the Madison-Gallatin Divide to the boundary of Yellowstone National Park, thence in a north and easterly direction along the Yellowstone National Park boundary to Daly Pass, the point of beginning.

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